

## SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

### A Clasp of Hands.

Soft, small and sweet as sunniest flowers  
That bask in heavenly heat  
When bud by bud breaks, breathes and covers,  
Soft, small and sweet.

A babe's hands open as to greet  
The tender touch of ours,  
And mock with motion faint and fleet  
The minutes of the new, strange hours  
That earth, not heaven, must meet;  
Dusk fragrant still from heaven's own bowers,  
Soft, small and sweet.

A velvet vise with springs of steel  
That fasten in a trice  
And clench the fingers fast that feel  
A velvet vise—

What man would risk the danger twice,  
Nor quake from head to heel?  
Whom would not one such test suffice?

Well may we tremble as we kneel  
In sight of Paradise,  
If both a babe's closed fists conceal  
A velvet vise.

Two flower soft fists of conquering clutch,  
Two creased and dimpled wrists,  
That match, if mottled overmuch,  
Two flower soft fists—

What heart of man dare hold the lists  
Against such odds and such  
Sweet advantage as no strength resists?  
Our strength is all a broken crucifix,  
Our eyes are dim with mist,  
Our hearts are prisoners as we touch  
Two flower soft fists.

—A. C. Swinburne.

### Monday Musicals.

That a large crowd would gather to hear the final musicals at the Woman's Club Monday evening, was a foregone conclusion. Mrs. E. A. Hoen, the chairman of the musical committee, has rendered the programme of her entertainments such altogether splendid affairs during the past year, that members of the club and musicians who have been invited guests of the chairman, have enjoyed the performances to the utmost. The fact that the vocalists and instrumentalists who have previously delighted audiences at the Woman's Club made a combination last evening, rendered the occasion one of unusual interest and brilliancy.

The new soloists who made a delightful impression, and were most heartily applauded, were Mr. Morton, tenor; Mr. Lohman, bass; and Miss Margaret Poole Pyle, of Baltimore, a violinist of great talent, who played in the orchestra, as first violin, with Miss Alice Keck; other members of the orchestra, being Messrs. James Whitte and Hudson Hoen, second violins; Mr. J. Fred Jurgan and Dr. A. G. Hoen, violas; Messrs. Victor Thurston and Ernest A. Hoen, violinists.

Messrs. John Powell and Shepherd Webb were conductors. The numbers on the programme were presented by Miss Mamie Harrison, Mrs. Conway Gordon, soprano; Messrs. Conway Gordon and J. Audley Morton, tenors; Messrs. James McElin and Oscar Lohman, basses. The overture, "Merry Wives of Windsor," by Nicolai, played by the orchestra, was heard with enthusiasm. All of the vocalists—Mrs. Conway Gordon, Miss McElin, Miss Menzel and Miss Harrison—sang beautifully. So did Mr. Gordon, Mr. Morton, Mr. McElin and Mr. Lohman. As director and accompanist Mr. John Powell and Mr. Shepherd Webb left nothing to be desired. Miss Pyle's violin solo gave full evidence of her great talent and splendid training.

All of the selections rendered by the orchestra were most enjoyable, perhaps "Spanish Dances," by Moszkowski, as much as any. An appropriate and pathetically lovely number was the one before the last by the orchestra, in which a quartette of male voices sang "Love's Sweet Song" and "Oft in the Silly Night." It was the unanimous opinion of all present that the final musicals were the greatest event of the whole series.

Several distinguished guests were among those present at the club. Among them was Mrs. L. H. Walker, of Spray, N. C., the aunt of Mrs. J. Allison Hodges, who for years has been vice-president of the North Carolina Mount Vernon Association. Mrs. Walker is now on her way to Mount Vernon.

Mrs. Preston-Preston, of New York, a portraitist of reputation and a guest at the Jefferson Hotel, was also at the club;



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No. 490.

### LONDON BRIDGE.

By FREDERIC EDWARD WEATHERLY.

Fredric Edward Weatherly was born in Portsmouth, England, in 1848. He took his degree from Oxford in 1871. He was called to the bar in 1887. He has written librettos and also books for children.

**P**roud and lowly, beggar and lord,  
Over the bridge they go;  
Rags and velvet, fetter and sword,  
Poverty, pomp and woe.  
Laughing, weeping, hurrying ever,  
Hour by hour they crowd along  
While, below, the mighty river,  
Sings them all a mocking song.

Hurry along,  
Sorrow and song,  
All is vanity 'neath the sun;  
Velvet and rags,  
So the world wags,  
Until the river no more shall run.

Dainty, painted, powdered and gay,  
Rolled my lady by;  
Rags-and-tatters, over the way,  
Carries a heart as high,  
Flowers and dreams from country meadows,  
Dust and din through city skies,  
Old men creeping with their shadows,  
Children with their sunny eyes,—

Hurry along,  
Sorrow and song,  
All is vanity 'neath the sun;  
Velvet and rags,  
So the world wags,  
Until the river no more shall run.

Storm and sunshine, peace and strife,  
Over the bridge they go;  
Floating on in the tide of life,  
Whither no man shall know.  
Who will miss them there to-morrow,  
Waits that drift to the shade or sun?  
Gone away with their songs and sorrow,  
Only the river still flows on.

Velvet and rags,  
So the world wags,  
All is vanity 'neath the sun;  
Hurry along,  
Sorrow and song,  
Until the river no more shall run.



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so was Miss Crane, of Baltimore, who is visiting her sister, Mrs. George Whitfield. At the reception, the fees were served by Mrs. J. C. Hagan and Mrs. C. G. Walker. Chairman's guests were Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hahn, Mrs. and Miss Osterloh, Mr. and Mrs. Pizzini, Mr. George Solvart, Mr. and Mrs. Rutherford Rose, Dr. and Mrs. Clifton Miller, Mr. and Mrs. Norman Call, Mrs. H. G. Reynolds and Miss Zelle Minor.

### Off to Europe.

Colonel and Mrs. Mann S. Valentine and their daughter, Miss Cary Valentine, left yesterday for New York. They will sail to-day for Naples and will remain abroad for about four months.

Colonel and Mrs. Valentine were given a farewell entertainment on Friday last by Mr. and Mrs. Granville Valentine.

### Alumnae Meeting.

On Friday, May 5th, the Alumnae Association of the Woman's College of Richmond held its spring meeting in the college chapel. Reports of the year's work were read and plans made for the annual banquet on May thirty-first.

After the business part of the afternoon's programme, the association enjoyed a much anticipated pleasure in a talk from Mrs. L. H. Dashiell, first vice-president of the Richmond Education Association.

Her theme on this occasion was "The Social Responsibility of the College Bred Woman."

Mrs. Dashiell's words were full of earnestness and purpose, and combined with the wit and humor which, together make her such a happy and successful speaker, filled the audience with a new sense of their responsibility and the hope to have Mrs. Dashiell with them again.

### Woman's College Notes.

The following class day officers have been elected: Miss Tod Motley, valedictorian; Miss Una Fletcher, poet; Miss Beattie Wilson, prophet; Miss Nona Harris,

responder to toast; Miss Elizabeth Williamson, bon-fire orator, and Miss Ella Kyle, tree-orator. The class tree has been named for Miss Marion C. Forbes. Miss Edith McCarthy is president of the class.

The first edition of the Woman's College Annual, "Puffs and Patches," is to be issued this year, with Miss Italy Council as editor-in-chief; Miss Edith McCarthy and Miss Anne Skeggs, as associate editors; Miss Irene Gressell and Miss Elizabeth Richardson, as art editors; Miss Mary Hughes, as secretary; Misses Beattie Robertson and Stuart Wise, as business managers.

The April issue of "The Chisel" is so creditable a number to all who have to do with its appearance, that it merits a warm word of praise. In all of its different departments—literary, editorial and otherwise—it is so excellent a publication that its staff might have done nothing else but edit "The Chisel" all the days of their lives.

The book reviews are especially interesting. The memorial page to Miss Edith King bears testimony to the strong ties of affection linking classmates and collegians together. The alumnae department will be read by women all over the State who are graduates of the college.

### Anniversary Reception.

The reception given last evening by the Rev. and Mrs. Ashley Jones to the friends and members of Leigh Street Baptist Church and congregation marked most pleasantly the tenth wedding anniversary.

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versary of the beloved pastor of the church and his wife. The lecture room of the church where the reception was held was profusely decorated in palms and flowers by Mr. W. H. Hammond. Delightful music was furnished by the Northside Orchestra of Johns Hopkins. The Rev. Dr. and Mrs. John William Jones, Mrs. Ramon D. Garchin, Mrs. W. S. Benzley, Mrs. Charles J. Billups, Mrs. J. T. Allen, Mrs. Harvey Peace, Mrs. James H. Allen, Mrs. Worthy Dikie, Mrs. Arthur S. Smith, Mr. W. W. Gault, Mrs. Dudley Goode, Mrs. W. T. Blankenship and others.

Refreshments were served during the evening, the color scheme in dining room and for the table being daintily carried out in green and white.

Among the many handsome gifts received by Mr. and Mrs. Jones was a Turkish chair, presented by the congregation, and a hand-painted fan, the gift of the Ladies' Aid Society of the church.

### Cast and Chorus.

The cast and chorus of the comic opera, "Khan Kathan," to be presented by the Arcadians of the University of Virginia at the Academy Friday evening, May 12th, is made up of a number of University men who are old time Richmond acquaintances and favorites.

Mr. Hugh Nelson Page, Jr., takes the character of Bintulu, or the "Khan of Kathan," and plays it extremely well. Messrs. Larnour, Griswold, Adams, George, Reed, Wendling, Jr., John Jeaning, Luck, James Campbell, Thomas Pluckney Bryan, Marion Porter Brawley, John Stodard, Frank Dunham Boyd, James D. Pasco, Archibald G. McNamilton, George Herbert Bryant and Lewis H. Hampton are the other members of the cast.

The chorus has among its members Messrs. Wren and Davis, of Norfolk; Austin Smythe, of Charleston, S. C., and Charles Watkins, of Richmond, who impersonate soldiers. Messrs. Gaines, Carter, Cotnam and Albright are the messengers. Among the chorus girls are Messrs. Horner, O'Keefe, St. Claire, Williams, Curd, Hughes, McSmythe, Turner, Ruckman, Crump, of Richmond, and Smith, of Clarksburg.

Closing of Brook Avenue School. "Now sewing school is over, And we are going home, Good-bye, good-bye, we're going to leave you now."

So sang over forty bright faced little girls as they melted out at the closing of the Sewing school, each taking a bloom in flower, to be planted for the Junior Civic League, which always follows the closing of the Sewing school.

At the appointed hour were assembled the children, with their mothers, big sisters and the friends of the work. The presence of the new superintendent and the City Missionary gave especial pleasure.

After a simple opening service of prayer, the singing of several songs and several short addresses, the roll of honor was read. It gave great pleasure to announce that two little girls had not missed a day from the sewing school for three years, that six had not missed a day for a year, except when excused at Christmas and that eight had not missed a day since entering on the first of January.

After the exercises, the beautiful hymn, "God Be With You Till We Meet Again," was sung by all, standing, and the little ones sang the good-bye song, bowing gracefully as they sang.

Home, Sweet Home was played and all marched out carrying a flower.

### Personal Mention.

Mrs. Alexander Cameron, accompanied by her son, Mr. William Cameron, will leave Wednesday for New York, which point they will go abroad to spend several months. Mrs. Cameron will join Miss Flora and Miss Jean Cameron, who have been under the chaperonage of their aunt, Miss Cameron, for the past winter, in Paris.

Mr. Nathaniel Munford announces the engagement of his sister, Anne Hinton, to Mr. Edward C. Fisher. The marriage will take place June 14th.

The Williams Memorial Circle of King's Daughters will meet to-day at 5 P. M. at Mrs. Young Jones, of Grove Road. It is requested that every member of the circle be present.

Mrs. W. H. Hale and children, accompanied by Mrs. Hale's mother, Mrs. J. B. Lacy, will leave to-day for Gulf Port, Mississippi.

Miss Ruth Burton was elected chairman of the committee on arrangements for the annual banquet of the Woman's College Alumnae Association.

Mrs. Bettie Gordon Wallace is the guest of Mrs. Josephine Wallace, on Princess Anna Street, Fredericksburg.

Mr. Richard Wallach, of Warrenton, well known in this city in horse show circles, has purchased from Dr. George H. Chevalier, of Fredericksburg, his fine estate, "Fenton," containing 500 acres, located near Warrenton.

Mrs. Armstrong, of Lynchburg, and Miss Massenburg, of Richmond, who have been the guests of Mrs. James Parrish, of North Court Street, Portsmouth, have returned to their respective homes.

Miss Louise Jones, of Norfolk, is the guest of Miss Louise Herbert.

Miss M. V. Shippett, of No. 2009 Floyd Avenue, will leave in a few days for a week's visit to her cousin, Dr. Edmond, at Lassiter, Va.

Colonel W. J. Perry and Captain T. D. Ranson, of Staunton, spent some time in the city during the past week.

Miss Mabel Barnett, who has been visiting relatives in Richmond, returned to her home in Lynchburg on Saturday.

Mrs. Weston Bruner, of Washington, is the guest of her mother, Mrs. A. B. Gwaltney.

Miss Grace Webber, of Lynchburg, left Saturday after a pleasant stay in Richmond.

Miss Cassie Leonard is the guest of her aunt, Mrs. R. C. Hogg, on Twenty-second Street, Newport News.

Mrs. James Gordon and children are visiting Miss Anne Burwell Jones, No. 217 Thirty-third Street, Newport News.

Miss Fannie Beale, of Portsmouth, is the guest of Mrs. R. C. Taylor, No. 512 West Main Street.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Richmond Friday to attend the reception to be given here (at the Richmond Hotel) by Mr. and Mrs. Ruth I. Richmond of New York, to the Sons of the Cincinnati and Colonial Dames of Virginia.

Mrs. N. E. Lester, of No. 822 West Main Street, has gone for an extended trip to Kansas City, Mo.

## FRANKLIN LOOT HIDDEN, HE SAYS

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### TELLS A STRANGE STORY

Fortune Stored Away by One of Promoters of Bubble, Who Is Now Dead.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) NEW YORK, May 8.—Hidden in some place in or near New York, and probably in a bank deposit vault, \$15,000 is said to have been gathering dust for almost six years. How much longer it will remain idle depends upon the temper and determination of three—possibly four—men. It is the golden bait that has sent two men to prison and that has resulted in the death of another in Europe, where his body has rested for many months while his relatives have quarreled and bickered over the bill of the undertaker.

This treasure is a part of that taken from the dupes of the Franklin Syndicate. It rightfully belongs to the creditors of that swindling concern, but it is doubtful if it ever reaches them.

Robert A. Ammon, now serving an indeterminate sentence in Sing Sing for his connection with the Franklin Syndicate, insists that \$15,000 has been saved from the wreck of that bubble, and he adds that he is one of the three men who know where it is.

Neither one of the three, says Ammon, can reach the stored treasure without the consent and the presence of both the others. He intimates that one of the other two is William F. Miller, in whose boyish imagination the Franklin Syndicate found its being.

With great mystery Ammon refers to the third man as "Watts, of Boston," declining to make a more thorough identification of him.

At no time since November, 1890, have Ammon and Miller been at liberty in New York together. That is given as the reason why the money has remained secreted so many years. After the collapse of the Franklin Syndicate, Miller took flight to Canada, but returned to New York to stay, and he remained there until he was arrested.

Admitting that there is \$15,000 and possibly a greater sum, a part of the Franklin Syndicate loot, hidden in some New York deposit vault, Miller insists that he knows nothing more than that about it. Ammon, he says, is fighting with his name with the hidden wealth, is actuated by selfish and malicious motives. The money, Miller says, was hidden by his one-time partner, Edward Schlessinger, who later fled to Europe and there died.

Ammon and Miller tell stories that are contradictory in almost every detail. Ammon is in Sing Sing, notwithstanding the fact that Judge Cochran has ruled that he was not properly sentenced. He contends that his conviction was the result of conspiracy. He is fighting with desperation for liberty and so for reasons of his own announced that he desired to give the information concerning the hidden Franklin Syndicate fund.

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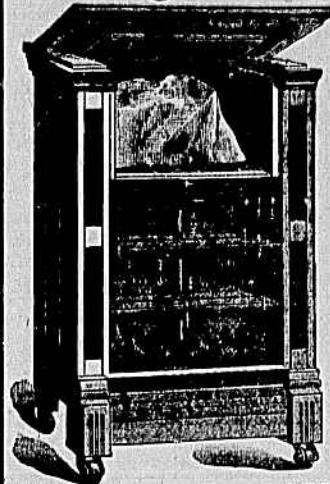
Mr. S. Aronhime, of Charlottesville, is making an extended visit to his daughter in this city.

Miss Mary O'Brien, who has been visiting Mrs. J. H. Wood, on Jefferson Street, Charlottesville, has returned.

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